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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to all Year 5 parents/carers because we know the transition from Primary to Secondary is a big step for you and your child. Induction activities can help prepare for this new milestone and together we can make sure the transition is less daunting.

It probably doesn't seem such a long time ago since you dropped your son/daughter off for their first day at school and now you are preparing for their move to high school and a whole new set of skills to master, from negotiating a timetable to meeting many new people.

No matter how confident your child is, moving schools can be a nerve-wracking process, but we offer a wide range of transition/taster activities to give the children an introduction to what life will be like at secondary school.

At St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy, we fully understand that you and your child are entering a period of significant change from the familiar life of Primary school and, since March 2020 we have all experienced unfamiliar circumstances during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Prior to the closure of schools, we had run a variety of fun educational activities at SMW, including: Alice in Wonderland, Times Tables Rockstars, Spelling Bee and exciting transition days during the school holidays.

Unfortunately, the Science Masterclasses had to be postponed, but we will invite students to attend these and many more classes as soon as we can!

While we wait to welcome the pupils into the building, we are preparing some taster activities for the children to complete at home and hopefully this will make thinking about high school slightly easier and a more normal process.

These activities will be available on the Home Learning area on your child's Primary school website as well as ours, under Year 5-6 Transition.

You are also warmly invited to look at the section dedicated to Year 6 Transition on the St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy website, where you will see a video tour of our school amongst many other exciting pieces of information. You might be interested to look at the Parent Guide to Transition which offers practical advice on how to cope with this important stage of your child's life.

As we currently do not know how Open Evenings will operate in September, all this information will prove very useful as you begin to look at your secondary school preferences.

I hope you enjoy experiencing this taste of life at SMWCA and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via my email address: hfarrer@smwca.org.uk

Best wishes for the summer and please keep checking both your primary school website and ours to stay up to date with all we have to offer you and your child.

Yours faithfully

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Assistant Principal

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